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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing in support of the recent settlement between The Department of Justice and the IT industry. I am happy an agreement has finally been reached. It is a reasonable settlement and clearly a benefit to consumers of technological products.

Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against the competition. Computer makers who ship other software and software developers who design software that competes with Microsoft will also be immunized from retaliation. I am in favor of this.

It is in the best interest of the consumers and the economy to allow Microsoft to get back to the business of creating new and innovative technology. Again, I am happy that a settlement has finally been reached. I hope you will support it.

Sincerely,

